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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: KRON-DT, San Francisco, CA**  
**MM Docket No. 87-268**  
**Second Six-Month Progress Report on DTV Implementation**

Dear Ms. Salas:

The Chronicle Publishing Company ("Chronicle"), licensee of station KRON-TV (San Francisco, California), by its attorneys hereby submits its second six-month progress report on its DTV implementation activities in compliance with paragraph 76 of the *Fifth Report and Order* in the *DTV Proceeding*.<sup>1/</sup> On March 23, 1998, Chronicle filed its application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) for the DTV facilities of KRON-DT on Channel 57. As shown below, Chronicle continues to make steady progress towards meeting the November 1, 1998 construction date.

**Site Considerations**

Chronicle plans to construct the KRON-DT digital facilities at KRON-TV's current transmitter site, Sutro Tower, located at 1 La Avanzada, San Francisco, California 94131-1124. The Sutro Tower site is owned by Sutro Tower, Inc., which in turn is owned by Chronicle and the corporate parents of three other stations operating at the site (KTVU, KPIX-TV and KGO-TV). Six other television stations also operate

<sup>1/</sup> *Fifth Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 87-268 (rel. April 21, 1997) at ¶ 76 and n.164.

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from Sutro Tower pursuant to leasing arrangements -- KQED, KBHK-TV, KCNS, KPST-TV, KOFY-TV and KMTP-TV.

In March 1994, Sutro Tower Inc. hired Kline Towers and Dielectric Communications to plan a transitional DTV antenna structure for Sutro Tower. In April 1995, that plan was completed. In April 1998, structural upgrades to strengthen Sutro Tower to hold the new antenna structure and transitional digital antennas was completed. The antenna structure will be added to one face of Sutro Tower. Chronicle expects to receive the antenna structure for KRON-DT on August 15, 1998. Sutro Tower Inc. also currently is making physical changes to the common space and facilities which will be shared by the stations operating from the site and is serving as a coordinating body in the installation and upgrades of RF piping, antenna feeds and other support services.

Each station planning to operate digital facilities from Sutro Tower is responsible for making certain improvements to the physical plant. Chronicle will be making improvements (*e.g.*, new generator, electrical wiring, air conditioning) to support the KRON-DT transmitter. The design and planning for these improvements have been completed, the permits have been obtained, and a contract for the work was signed on April 29, 1998. Construction will begin in May 1998.

### **Digital Transmission Equipment**

In April 1998, Chronicle placed a purchase order for its digital transmitter with Larcan Communications Equipment, Inc., a transmitter vendor which is a division of LDL Communications, Inc. (228 Ambassador Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5T 2J2). Chronicle expects to receive the transmitter in late August and installation will begin immediately thereafter.

### **Government Approvals**

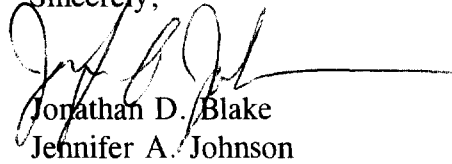
On August 14, 1996, Sutro Tower Inc. filed a request for environmental review of the digital television project with the City of San Francisco. Sutro Tower Inc. filed a permit application with the City of San Francisco on May 13, 1997, requesting permission to perform the structural reinforcement of Sutro Tower. This permit was granted on August 5, 1997. On September 25, 1997, Sutro Tower Inc. filed a permit application for authorization to mount the antenna structure and transitional antennas on the tower. This application and the related environmental impact report ("EIR") was voted on and approved by the Planning Commission in April 1998. Sutro Tower Inc. has not yet received a written copy of the permit. The Planning Commission now is reviewing proposed building modifications for the Sutro Tower site and soon will be engaging in discussions regarding these proposed modifications with Sutro Tower Inc.

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Any questions regarding this six-month progress report should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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